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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: Frédéric AMICHE, Yves BOMAL and Laurence LADOUCE

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Examiner: PIERCE, JEREMY R

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 Election/Restrictions

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge any payment associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **18-1171**.

In this connection, the Commissioner is in particular hereby authorized to charge payment of:

- any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and
- any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account No. **18-1171**.

Claims 37-74 are pending in the application.

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ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Claims 37-74 are subject to restriction requirement.

Claims 37-74 are kept unchanged.

In response to the election/restriction requirement request, Applicants elect, without traverse Group I, claims 37-66. In that group, Applicants further elect, on one hand, the species of cellulose microfibrils as microfibrils and, on the other hand, the species "oxides" as mineral particles.

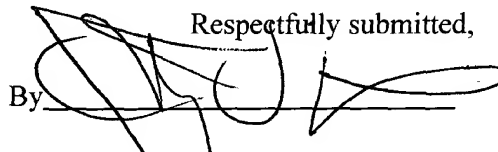
As requested by the Examiner, Applicants further elect among the products of claim 55, the "osides oligomers" species.

Claims 37-43, 47-57, and 63-66 are readable on the elected species.

Should the Examiner have any question concerning these elections and remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (609) 860-4194. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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